



Oregon Youth Soccer Referee Respect 2010



What is respect?



Three Moments of the Game

Coach and Referee Interaction

- Interaction before the game
- Interaction during the game
- Interaction after the game



Interaction before the game

- **Priorities:**

- **Make sure you greet and welcome the referee to the field**
 - **Ask the referee's name & introduce yourself**
 - **Maybe indicate if the two teams have played against each other before and what happened**
 - ***Examples - U of O...***
- **Make sure that you have team organized for referee check in**
 - **Have players trained to be quick and respectful of referee**



Interaction during the game

- **Priorities:**

- Do not shout at the referee(s)
- May ask questions respectfully at natural stoppage
- Remember that **90%** of a message is non-verbal – kicking bench/throwing clipboard (Far West Regionals example!)
- Coach's message also translates to players (Santa Clara)
- Do NOT let your parents get out of hand – coach's direct responsibility! see <http://www.thefa.com/respectguide/>
- Respectful interaction at half-time (how to do it 😊)



Interaction during the game (continued)

- **Priorities:**

- **Coach must adhere to the Technical Area**

- **Referee Directives**

- **Ask**

- **Tell**

- **Remove**

- ***Maybe should be a warning in there too? 😊 Part of "Tell"?***



Interaction during the game (continued)

- **Priorities:**

- **Coach should sit down and try and enjoy game**
- **Different coaching perspectives**
 - **Running commentary (English disease!?)**
 - **How much do players hear or react to?**
 - **Coach driven or player driven team?**
 - ***Examples: i.e. NCAA finals, Pro teams, Youth Soccer, etc.***



Interaction after the game

- **Priorities:**

- **Coach should always have players shake hands of referee**
- **Coach should always make effort to shake hands also.**
Question: what does this achieve?
- **Questions about decisions can be asked respectfully when remembering implications of tone and body language**
- **Coach should always evaluate referee fairly, fill out and send OYSA the referee report**



Conclusions

- **Priorities:**

- **We are all human and see things differently from different vantage points**
- **Respectful interactions can definitely help your cause**
- **A coach is a role model and his/her actions directly affects both players and parents on sidelines**
- **More respectful interaction between coaches and referees will benefit the game here in Oregon and across the US**



Referee Assault and Abuse

- **Priorities:**
 - **Severe Consequences**
 - **Far West Regionals assault**
 - **OYSA Policy**



OYSA Policy 2010 and beyond...

OYSA is taking the following steps to send a clear message to all of our member clubs, coaches and players that referee assaults will not be tolerated. For the indefinite future for all OYSA sponsored and sanctioned leagues and tournaments, the following standards will apply:

- Any player, coach, manager, club official, or game official who assaults a referee shall be suspended for a minimum of one (1) year from any and all OYSA, US Youth Soccer and US Soccer Federation activity. Longer suspensions are possible, depending on the severity of the assault.**
- Suspensions will be in effect as soon as OYSA verifies that the assault occurred and will remain in effect at least until an OYSA disciplinary hearing is held.**
- A disciplinary hearing will be held under Federation Rules for the purpose of establishing that an assault occurred, that the person so accused is in fact the perpetrator and/or whether a suspension of more than one year shall be imposed.**



OYSA Policy 2010 and beyond (continued)...

- **The competition rules for all events shall contain this standard as a condition of receiving OYSA sanctioning, though it should be noted that only OYSA has the authority to impose said suspensions.**
- **The team head coach of any player who commits referee assault shall be placed on probation for a two (2) year period. If a player on a team coached by this individual (whether as a head coach or an assistant coach of that team), assaults a referee within the probationary period, the coach shall be suspended from any and all OYSA, US Youth Soccer and US Soccer Federation activity for the remainder of the probationary period or for one (1) year, whichever is greater.**



OYSA Policy 2010 and beyond (continued)...

- **The club of a player, coach, team official, club official or game official who assaults a referee shall be fined as follows:**
 - **First Offense - \$500**
 - **Second Offense within 24 months- \$1,000**
 - **Third Offense within 24 months of the first assault- \$5,000**
- **OYSA may, at the sole and absolute discretion of its Director of Leagues and Tournaments, disqualify a team from any OYSA sponsored league or tournament in which a member of that team has committed a referee assault. The game in which the assault occurred and all subsequent games may be declared forfeits and forfeit-related fines may apply.**